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In re the Application of:

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For: ELECTRONIC CASHING CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on October 3, 2003, which has a period for response that is set to expire on January 3, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for the same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 3, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the Office Action that was mailed on October 3, 2003, claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van De Pavert (U.S. Patent No. 5,914,471) ("Van De Pavert") in view of Boyer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,973) ("Boyer") and further in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,003,014) ("Lee"). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-36 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1, 10, 17, 24, and 36 are independent claims.